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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

ATTACHMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**  
(35 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER****FILING DATE**

60/399,223

July 29, 2002

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**SIGNATURE(S)**

Robert Wieber

**Inventor's signature**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Robert Wieber

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: L&L Products, Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. Nature of conveyance:

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

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## 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*Scott A. Chapple

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For: U.S. Provisional Application  
By: Inventor

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

**ASSIGNOR:**

Robert Wieber  
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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

**ASSIGNEE:**

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

**ATTACHMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME**

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor for the above-entitled invention

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instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

Date: 03/11/03

Robert Wieber  
Signature of Robert Wieber

County of Macomb     )  
                                      )  
State of Michigan     )

Before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

Jeffrey P. Thennisch  
Notary Public

JEFFREY P. THENNISCH  
Notary Public, Genesee County, MI  
Acting in Oakland Co., MI  
My Commission Expires 09/12/2005